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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

All members intending to attend the A. M. A. Meeting, Portland, July 11-14, should arrange for accommodations before they leave. Rooms in private houses may be had for \$2.00 per day. If you have not arranged for your accommodations, address Geo. P. Lowell, 429 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

A special rate of \$25.00 for the round trip has been made, but this is good only on trains leaving San Francisco on Saturday Mornings.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Probably there is a streak of credulity, more or less broad, in all of us. It is just this confiding credulity on which the swindler, the fraud and the faker bank. That **BEWARE OF SWINDLERS.** enough physicians may be induced to part with some of their scanty and hard earned dollars to make it pay the swindler, accounts for the fact that there are never-ending attempts to "work" the medical profession. Very recently two such frauds have been called to our attention. One of them styles itself the "Specialists Formula Company," and has offices in one of the newest buildings in San Francisco. This concern seems to be engineered by a "Dr." H. C. Neff, an illegal practitioner. It has been sending out circular letters to physicians offering to sell, for the small sum of \$10.00 (cash in advance, of course) a secret by means of which disease may be diagnosed at sight, and a formula which will cure everything immediately. Such things as cancer, cataract and hernia are guaranteed to be cured promptly and without operation. It is pitifully true that a few men (so far as we know, no

members of the Society) have been caught and have parted with the ten. The other quack concern is known as the "McKanna 3 Day Cure" and, like the previous concern, is operated by an illegal practitioner. This "drunk cure" charges \$100.00 also (and also, of course, payable in advance), and offers to give physicians sending in patients, \$20.00 worth of stock in the company for each patient sent. If there were not some, calling themselves physicians, who respond to this sort of circularizing, it would not be done; it must pay or the quacks would not do it. But it is not pleasing to one's self esteem to think that there are men in the ranks of his profession so base as to gulp down these frauds.

With July, two new state society journals will make their appearance; the Medical Associations of Ohio and Texas have recently so voted. We shall be very glad to welcome these journals when they appear, and we certainly extend to

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them every good wish for long, successful and upright lives. We would urge upon those who shall control the policy of these journals from their commencement to think carefully of each move that they make, and of each matter of policy which may present itself. Certainly, if they are to ignore the fundamental principles of the ethical relations of physicians to each other and to the public, and exploit, for dirty money, the numerous "liberal and prompt-paying" nostrum manufacturers, better far that they be still births. Already there are sufficient state society journals whose advertising pages are a disgrace to the medical organizations owning and controlling them, without adding to the number. If the publication of a medical society is to ignore those principles of ethics which govern, or should govern, the individual members of the society, and if it is to be bought by the dirty money of the nostrum maker just as freely as is the privately owned journal published for revenue only, then it has no excuse for existence, and had far, far better die in the burning.

Undoubtedly there will be many matters of interest at the coming meeting of the A. M. A. at Portland. To those of us who **THE A. M. A. FINANCES.** have paid any particular attention to the financial statements issued by the Board of Trustees from year to year, and have read the comment thereon published in the STATE JOURNAL during the past year, the next report will come with special interest. Undoubtedly the Association has had quite as satisfactory a business year in 1904 as in 1903, and presumably will show a net profit of something over \$40,000.00, or approximately four-sixths of the amount received as dues. If such is the case, it will again be evident that somewhere in the vicinity of \$3.33 of the \$5.00 which every member pays as yearly dues goes into a "sinking fund," formed for some purpose unknown. Now, just why should all members of the Association invest